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In re patent application of:

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L-Amino Acids Using Strains of the
Enterobacteriaceae Family**

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Notice of Appeal

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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 11, 14, 15, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, and 28-34 in the above-captioned application. All of the rejected claims are appealed. The Office Action containing the final rejection of claims is dated December 27, 2006.

The fee in the amount of \$500.00 for filing this Notice of Appeal is provided for in our enclosed check. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency with respect to this filing and any other fee required in connection with the present case, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-4056 under Order No. 7601/80921.

Respectfully submitted,

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